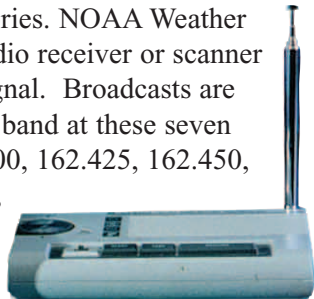


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The NOAA Weather Radio network has more than 650 transmitters, covering the 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NOAA Weather Radio requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of receiving the signal. Broadcasts are found in the public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz): 162.400, 162.425, 162.450, 162.475, 162.500, 162.525, 162.550 (also known as channels 1 through 7).



NOAA Weather Radio requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. These receivers can be purchased at retail electronic stores and sporting good stores.



To help America prepare for the ravages of flash floods and floods, the National Weather Service has designed StormReady, to arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills necessary to save lives and property.

More information is available at:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/stormready>

Community Preparedness Plans

After you have developed a personal/family safety plan, find out about your community safety plan. Each community prone to a flash flood/flood should develop a safety plan. Local officials should have detailed information for your immediate area. Please listen and follow their recommendations before, during, and after a storm.

The best way to prevent loss of life is to design and build communities where roads remain usable and undamaged during floods and homes and businesses are protected. While this may not always be possible, it is a goal we hope every community strives to reach.

Protect yourself, your home, your family, and your financial future.

Call your insurance company or agent to find out if your community participates in the NFIP. If it does, ask for details about how to buy insurance. Policies go into effect 30 days after a policy is purchased. Protect your home and your family today. For more information about the NFIP, call 1-800-427-4661. For flood insurance, contact your insurance company or agent.

What Can My Community Do?

- ✓ Provide river and rainfall readings to emergency managers and the National Weather Service.
- ✓ Establish early warning procedures
- ✓ Consider operating a Local Flood Warning System Identify areas vulnerable to flooding
- ✓ Follow the flood emergency action plans
- ✓ Contact your local emergency management agency or local NWS office for further information on Local Flood Warning Systems, or visit:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oh/docs/alfws-handbook>